garden immediately round the Statue; and if the answer is in the affirmative, will Government kindly state the use to which the afore-mentioned rent is put to at present?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The question of utilising the amount for the future is under the consideration of the Council. At present the amount is kept under deposit to the credit of the "Statue Garden Fund" in the Municipal accounts.

**Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** *(Cranganur):* May I take it that this fund is kept separate by the Municipality and that it will be utilised afterwards?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They are considering the question as to how it is to be utilised afterwards.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* May I know what is the amount that so stands at present?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is about Rs. 200.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* If the amount is set apart definitely for a purpose, why should they consider about the spending of the amount?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That garden as such has been merged into the Irwin Park and therefore they are keeping the funds separate. They are considering the question as to how it should be utilised.

**ARECANUT GROWERS—SAFEGUARDING THE INTERESTS OF**

**161. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to an article under caption "കൊച്ചിസംസ്ഥാനകടിയാൻ സംഘം" appearing in "The Progress" dated 5th October 1940 (page 5, column 1) wherein contains a request to the Government of Cochin to safeguard the interests of arecanut growers of this State against Ceylon competition;

(*b*) whether the Government of Cochin have had any occasion to consider the question of protection to arecanut growers; whether they are doing anything in that line;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(*c*) whether Government are posted with information as to the average total production of arecanut in a year in Cochin State and how much is sent to markets outside Cochin per year?

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Necessary materials are being collected for appropriate action.

(*c*) Yes.

**ROAD BOARD PROGRAMME—WORKS NOT TAKEN UP OR COMPLETED**

**162. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** *(Trippunittura)* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number and details of the works included in the Road Board Programme which have not been taken up or completed;

(*b*) the time fixed for completion of these works (referred to in (*a*) above) according to the Road Board Programme;

(*c*) the reasons for the delay, if any, in taking up or completing these works;

(*d*) have any of these items of work been included in the relief works sanctioned by Government for this year, and if so, the progress made so far in regard to such works?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) (1) Opening the Thanikudam Machad Road.
(2) Do. Vypeen Pallipuram road.
(3) Chittur Vaduthala bridge.

All the rest have been taken up.

(*b*) 1116.

(*c*) Item 1 was abandoned since its alignment could not be fixed as it passes through the area proposed for the Naduthodu water supply scheme. The Board has, therefore, resolved to utilise this amount for the Vypeen Pallipuram road. Item 2 had no provision in the original programme but was proposed to be taken up with the allotment for the Thanikudam Machad road. But on detailed investigation the work was estimated to cost more than two lakhs of rupees and it was also found that only 5 furlongs out of the



LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly